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For: **HOMOGENEOUS METHODS FOR NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION AND DETECTION**

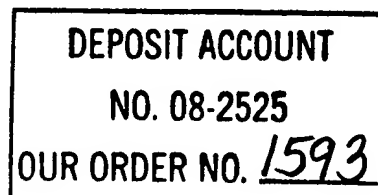
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Nutley, New Jersey 07110
March 19, 1998

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Sir:

Applicants hereby respectfully petition for a two-month extension of time to file a response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application of January 8, 1998 and Notice of Incomplete Response



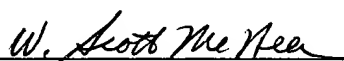
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of March 2, 1998. This petition is for a first extension of time originally set for response, that is, February 8, 1998. With the granting of this request, the time for response is April 8, 1998.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 08-2525 in the amount of \$400.00, the fee due under 37 CFR 1.17 for this petition. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2525. A triplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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